AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification as follows.

Delete the paragraph on page 4, spanning lines 22-23, and insert the following therefor:

C- X_2 -(F/L)-(K/M/I)- X_5 -(K/R/Q)-(G/E)- X_8 - X_9 -C-R- X_{12} - X_{13} -**TriPept**-C-D-(L/V)- X_{20} -E-Y-C-N-(G/E)-(T/S)-S-(A/E/G)- X_{29} -C (SEQ ID NO:12)

Delete the paragraph on page 6, spanning lines 10-17, and insert the following therefor:

 $C_1-X_2-(F/L)-(K/M/I)-X_5-(K/R/Q)-(G/E)-X_8-X_9-C-R-X_{12}-X_{13}-$ **TriPept**- C_{17} (SEQ ID NO:10); $C_1-X_2-(F/L)-(K/M/I)-X_5-(K/R/Q)-(G/E)-X_8-X_9-C-R-X_{12}-X_{13}-$ **TriPept**- $C-D-(L/V)-X_{20}-E-Y-C_{23}$ (SEQ ID NO:11);

 $C_1-X_2-(F/L)-(K/M/I)-X_5-(K/R/Q)-(G/E)-X_8-X_9-C-R-X_{12}-X_{13}-$ **TriPept**-C-D-(L/V)- $X_{20}-E-Y-C-M-(G/E)-(T/S)-S-(A/E/G)-X_{29}-C_{30}$ (SEQ ID NO:12);

 C_{10} - R- X_{12} - X_{13} -**TriPept**- C_{17} (SEQ ID NO:13);

 C_{10} - R- X_{12} - X_{13} -**TriPept**-C-D-(L/V)- X_{20} -E-Y- C_{23} (SEQ ID NO:14);

C₁₀- R-X₁₂-X₁₃-**TriPept**-C-D-(L/V)-X₂₀-E-Y-C-N-(G/E)-(T/S)-S-(A/E/G)-X₂₉-C₃₀ (SEQ ID NO:15);

Delete the paragraph on page 6, spanning lines 23-24, and insert the following therefor:

 C_{10} - R- X_{12} - X_{13} -**TriPept**- C_{17} (SEQ ID NO:13); or

 C_{10} - $R-X_{12}$ - X_{13} -**TriPept**-C-D-(L/V)- X_{20} -E-Y- C_{23} (<u>SEQ ID NO:14</u>).

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Delete the paragraph on page 7, line 2, and insert the following therefor:

C-X- TriPept -C (SEQ ID NO:16)

Insert the attached Sequence Listing in place of the Sequence Listing filed with the Preliminary Amendment of May 19, 2006.